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1. [] - GLC) In connection with Representative Mahon's recent conversation with Admiral Taylor on the [] letter, I checked on the availability of Robert Michaels, of the House Appropriations Committee staff, and Representative Glenard Lipscomb. Both Michaels and Lipscomb are on leave and are not expected back until some time next week.

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2. ([] - GLC) Received a call from Chester D. Smith, General Counsel of the House on Un-American Activities Committee, [] making reference to the [] interview [] reported []. Smith said that several members of the Committee were anxious to have [] appear before the Committee, preferably in open session, next Wednesday or Thursday. He said the Committee and the staff would be willing to work with us in any way and would abide by any restrictions we wish to impose. He also said they would like to speak [] in advance of his appearance and work out a script of questions and answers for his appearance. I told Smith that as he knew this was a touchy situation and I felt quite certain that an open session appearance was completely out of the question, but that I would look into the matter and be back in touch with him. Smith, who at one time held the position of Deputy Director, Internal Security for the Department of the Army and was also a member of the USIB Committee, said he appreciated that this would have to be checked out, both within the Agency and the State Department. He said while he appreciated that there were problems, he felt [] testimony would have an enlightening effect on U. S. public opinion.

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Following my conversation with Smith I discussed the matter with Mr. Karamessines and Colonel White and suggested that if we were flatly opposed to any appearance by [] a knowledgeable DDP officer accompany me to a meeting with Smith in an effort to point out to him the very negative aspects of such an appearance. It was agreed that we would raise this with the Director in the morning. (Mr. Goodwin and [] were also advised of this request.)